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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2002, the Applicants elect Species (A), BEADS, with traverse. The traversal is made on the ground that it is believed that a single search and examination could be carried out, without undue burden, covering all of claims 1-84 and 172-204.

Consistent with the requirement, the Applicants note that the following claims fall within the category of Group (A), which has been elected: claims 1-16, 18-38, 60-72, 74-76, 78-84, 182, 183, 185-190, 192-204. It is noted that "solid support" is generic to "bead."

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

Respectfully submitted,

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